Cabinet, in its meeting held on 27.10.2005 approved setting up of two Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research in Kolkata, West Bengal and Pune, Maharashtra at a cost of Rs. 500.00 crores each. It is envisaged to build the two science institutes of the highest caliber in which teaching and education in sciences at the undergraduate and post-graduate level are undertaken in an integrated manner.

National Eligibility Test

2006. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the procedure followed by UGC in conducting National Eligibility Test;

(b) whether it is a fact that it has lost standards required and is doing injustice to M.Phil/Ph.D. holders;

(c) whether Government have any plan to give exceptions to M.Phil/ Ph.D holders from the Central Universities in case of NET; and

(d) the policy followed by UGC in granting Deemed University status to the institutes and colleges in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) In order to consider various suggestions made from time to time by teacher's organizations and educationists, a Committee has been constituted by the Government to review the National Eligibility Test (NET) for its utility, effectiveness and continuation.

(d) The University Grants Commission (UGC) has made detailed guidelines for considering proposals for declaring an institution as deemed to be university under Section 3 of the UGC Act. The institutions which conform to these guidelines are recommended by the UGC to the Government for granting the status of deemed university.

Continuing Education Programme in Kerala

2007. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount given as grant-in-aid to each State under the Continuing Education Programme under the National Literacy Mission;

(b) the amount sanctioned for Kerala alongwith the amount released so far and still to be released; and

(c) whether there is any separate programme for the SCs/STs under the National Literacy Mission?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) A statement showing State-wise grant released under Continuing Education Programme during the last three years is at Statement (see below).

(b) Under the Scheme of Continuing Education, the Central Government provides 100 per cent financial assistance for implementation of the Scheme for the first three years of the project. An amount of Rs. 32.79 crore has been released for the first three project years and the entire amount has been released as the 100 per cent Central assistance.

For the 4th and 5th year of the project, the Central Government and State Government are required to share the expenditure in the ratio of 50:50. An amount of Rs. 12.10 crore is estimated for 4th and 5th project years as the Central share.

(c) There is no separate programme for SCs/STs under National Literacy Mission. However, all Schemes of NLM seek to cover illiterate adult population in 15-35 age group including SCs/STs.

Statement

Status of grants released under the Scheme of Continuing Education during the last three years

(Rupees in Lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the State/UT	- Amount of grants released		
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	701.48	1842.71	819.20
2.	Bihar	-	-	99.29
3.	Chhattisgarh	10.00	-	303.02
4.	Delhi	-	128.32	-
5.	Gujarat	1720.35	1595.54	561.10
6.	Haryana	-	-	332.26
7.	Himachal Pradesh	-	53.61	-

1	2	3	4	5
8.	Jharkhand	12.50		-
9.	Karnataka	1810.79		2489.53
10.	Kerala	119.40	1176.88 485.60	579.54
11.	Madhya Pradesh	3475.80	1730.50	2836.57
12.	Maharashtra	10.00	176.76	267.09
13.	Manipur	-	7.50	7.50
14.	Mizoram	74.40	31.70	-
15.	Nagaland	-	-	7.50
16.	Orissa	-	-	0.61
17.	Rajasthan	2328.30	1977.65	2103.83
18.	Sikkim	-	7.50	-
19.	Tamil Nadu	530.70	839.19	1623.03
20.	Tripura	155.00	31.13	275.73
21.	Uttaranchal	-	30.00	197.86
22.	Uttar Pradesh	2262.28	527.75	1603.81
23.	West Bengal	-	3763.04	1364.59
24.	Chandigarh	91.40	-	62.66
25.	Lakshadweep	-	11.75	11.74
26.	Pondicherry	-	32.63	-
	TOTAL:	13302.40	14449.77	15546.47

Mother's name on official records and certificates

2008. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to do away with gender anomaly in recording parentage of its citizens by allowing recording of one's mother's name on the official records and certificates;